

# Focus of joint governmental meeting, Anderson 2020 plan

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The feasibility of the proposed Anderson 2020 plan is the focus of renewed discussions between three Anderson Township governmental entities.

Anderson Township Board of Trustees, Forest Hills Board of Education, and Anderson Park District Board of Commissioners are scheduled to meet in a joint public session 3 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1, at Anderson Center. This comes just over one month after a joint press release announced talks regarding the Anderson 2020 plan had ended as a result of "too many insurmountable hurdles to overcome due to projects in which Forest Hills and the Park District are currently engaged."

The renewed talks will provide elected and appointed officials the opportunity and time to fully vet details of the Anderson 2020 plan. This plan proposes construction of a new Anderson High School and the renovation of the RecPlex on the Beech Acres Parenting Center property, and a multi-use development being built on the grounds of the existing Anderson High School – all without additional tax dollars.

The park district entered talks with Beech Acres Parenting Center over a year ago about buying nearly 40 acres of land and RecPlex. The park district currently leases the RecPlex from Beech Acres. In June the park district entered into an agreement to buy the land/RecPlex pending passage of a 0.7-mill, 15-year parks levy which will appear on the Nov. 3 ballot.

The Anderson 2020 plan was proposed earlier this year.



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